

## A Matter of Rights

The question of the week has been whether members of the police department could be ordered to submit to lie detector tests in the course of investigations into what has been described as possible serious crimes.

While the question may have been rendered moot by the voluntary appearance of one officer and the agreement of the second to appear for the tests, it is a question that still deserves serious consideration.

For the record, The Herald believes that in cases such as that presented in the current investigation by the attorney general's office, that any police officer whose testimony is sought should give it freely and in cases of conflict he should be required to submit to polygraph testing if it would advance the cause of truth.

The law is clear on the matter, according to cases cited by both the attorney general's deputy and our own city attorney: An officer can be ordered to submit to such tests or face dismissal from his job.

What concerns us here, however, is the question of issuing the order.

Leading California court cases on the matter make it clear that police officers are in a special category as guarantors of the peace and security of the community. "The whole system of law and order," one court said, "depends upon the extent to which such officers perform their duties and are faithful to the trust reposed in them."

The Herald believes the community which looks to its police officers for protection against unlawful activities, also must demand that those officers disclose all pertinent facts relative to any unlawful activity to persons entitled by law to be informed.

In the current case, the two officers probably have received some unwarranted criticism over the tests. The clamor, we are informed, arose between state officials and top echelon city officers, and the two police officers in question were pawns in the struggle.

As we said, the question now may be moot, but it could arise again. In the choice between the personal rights of a police officer or the rights of a community, we believe the community's right must prevail.

## The Printed Word

There is a very great deal that is not known, or is largely made up of surmise based upon shadowy records, about the life and work of Johann Gutenberg. His great innovation was to introduce movable type and, primitive as were the methods of his time, which was the middle of the 15th century, this was the foundation that was essential to making the printed word the almost unbelievable force that it has become.

Now, during the January 12 through 18 period we will once again observe International Printing Week. And it would be difficult indeed to think of an observance that is more deserving of world honor. It is print—in books, newspapers, magazines, pamphlets and leaflets of limitless variety—that brings to us the wise words of the past and present, that brings entertainment and knowledge, that tells of the thousand and one things we want and need to know. Its power is universal; it is at the very heart of civilization.

And it can bring evil—there is no doubt of that. The fanatic and the fool and the brute have access to the printed word too, and often make the most of it. In itself, in what it may say, it is neither good nor bad. It can be either. The human mind and heart must make the choice between the two, and the decisions that may follow.

STAN DELAPLANE

## Better Try Canary Islands

"We will have \$165 a month retirement pay and can get away with \$400 in savings. Do you think we could do this in Mexico?"

Maybe. But surely not in major cities. About \$200 seems to be the minimum for comfortable living in American colonies in rural Mexico, \$400 in Mexico City.

There are beachcombing types doing it for less—all of them will write me scornfully now and point out that they live on \$50 or less. But these are weirdies who are making a drama out of digging their own clams etc.

For people used to middle class living, no. You can make it in the Canary Islands for this amount. And I think you could live in rural Spain—not at the beach resorts for \$165 for two. The \$400 won't carry you there but you might be able to work out a fly-now, pay-later plan.

You might find inexpensive living further down: Honduras, British Honduras, Nicaragua, maybe Guatemala. But the exchange there is not favorable—one quetzal (100 centavos) for \$1 U.S.

"We have in mind to buy some rugs in Spain and a few things like a tape recorder in Shannon Free Airport. But we are going to be over our free allowance on

duty of \$200 (for two people). How do you figure this out?"

First, the Customs inspector is allowed to assess duty on wholesale prices and he usually does. (However, you must declare the actual price paid.) That makes it about \$300 actual value you get duty-free.

Second, the U.S. Customs inspector must give you the highest duty items free first. That is, it is up to him to figure out the lowest duty possible.

Tape recorders pay 15 per cent duty. And rugs range from 7 to 30 per cent.

I would buy "Customs Guide for Travelers" written by Customs Inspector Ed Wing of Honolulu. Paper bound. Fits in your pocket with 150 pages of all kinds of information on Customs duty and how to get the most out of it. This booklet ought to be on every airplane and certainly all tour guides should carry one. At book stores for \$1.95 or send to T. S. Denison and Co., 321 Fifth Avenue So., Minneapolis, Minn.

"While in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands we bought a sailboat at a shop for \$37. We were told it would be shipped direct from West Germany. Now 16 weeks have passed. No boat and the shop will not answer our letters. What would you do?"

I would get a real mean lawyer and have him get in touch with the tourist board at St. Thomas and the highest man you can find in the Government offices.

"Where can we get the Michelin Guide to France that you have mentioned?"

I should think your book store could order it for you. I see it in Brentano's in New York and its branches in other cities. In City of Paris in a shop called Librairie Francaise in Rockefeller Center, New York.

"In flying to Europe, is there any advantage in going on the foreign airlines?"



ROYCE BRIER

## Bureaus Grow and Grow Once a Seed Is Planted

The history of a Government "program" runs about like this:

There develops in the economic structure or body politic a desire or need for Government help. This may ferment for some years before it achieves a following sufficient to make an impact on the Congress. The desire or need may be technical, or it may call for an outright grant of funds, but in either case an appropriation appears in the national budget.

A bureau is then set up in the appropriate Government department, such as Commerce, Interior, Treasury, Agriculture or State. This new bureau may start with \$5 million annually, or \$100 or \$500 million, but whatever the starting cost, it rises in ensuing years.

The rise results from further desires or needs growing from the initial ones, with consequent growth of the bureau in personnel, activity and goal.

In the course of five, ten or twenty years a bureau may fulfill its original purpose, or a change of condition may make its operation redundant. But the bureau does not voluntarily shrink, let alone close. New desires and needs,

ostensibly pursuant to the old are devised for an appropriation demand on Congress. It is almost unknown that a bureau asks for less than its current fund.

In this way scores if not hundreds of programs flourish, not a few going back to the depression years. Year after year bureaus automatically appear before congressional committees, and they have entrenched support. To deny them would reduce personnel and contract expenditures. In the aggregate they run to incalculable billions in the national budget.

A speculative story out of Washington says President Johnson is considering an attack on this massive problem with a budget control plan.

One suggestion is for a five-year cutoff of certain programs, compelling Congress to confirm them for further appropriation.

A somewhat modified plan would subject such programs to a review every five years, possibly by a mixed commission, Government and non-Government. This commission would then recommend continuation, curtailment or abolition of the program and bureau. (It must be noted

such a commission would face an immense technical task, and would be subject to the same rule of growth as the programs it reviews.)

In any case, the President is said to favor the modified form, and he may propose it in his budget message.

Whether such a procedure can be successful is up to the people. Indeed, all of us have some vested interest in one or more of the Government programs functioning these many years.

## We Quote...

"Behind every successful man stands a woman who couldn't be more surprised."  
—Lynn Denn, Linden (Calif.) Herald.

"I'd just like to have 1961 wages, 1935 prices, 1928 dividends and 1900 taxes."  
—Jim Kelly, Marquette (Mich.) Weekly Progress.

F. C. VOGEL, Sacramento — "No one is so positive about a fact as he whose opinions are not hampered by any restricting reference to reality."

H. S. GILBERT, San Francisco, on pay raises for Congressmen—"Before we begin to feel too compassionate about their 'frugal' lot, let us compare how much security is possessed by their counterparts, salary-wise, in the professions and all lines of industry."

JAMES M. BAILEY, Quincy, on registration of firearms—"Let us not try to cure a sore toe by cutting off the leg."

DR. DONALD W. FIELD, San Leandro, on Red China's insulting attitude toward Kennedy assassination—"It will be interesting to see if the Young Democrats repudiate their recent resolutions for recognition of Red China and admission to UN."

BOB ST. CLAIR, Veteran S.F. 49er grid star on retirement possibility—"Some of these kids on the team are calling me grandpa, and when they do that it's time to get out."

"Our plane stays over from 7 in the evening until 11. We don't want to say at the Honolulu airport. Where do we go?"

Twenty minutes by taxi takes you to the Hawaiian Village. Get a mai tai—(go to the outdoor circular bar by the beach). Walk back of the cottages parallel to the beach. By exiting on the beach you are on the terrace of the Tahitian Lanai. Reserve a table—15 minutes. Go into the French bar with the black velvet paintings. Get another mai tai. Have dinner—mahi mahi. By candlelight alongside the sea. (Don't miss the plane.)

Most of them stress certain services: Alitalia (Italian) has leather seats and a rich decor of a private men's club. BOAC (British) is wealthy in posh British service and very reassuring Captains (ribbons from chest to shoulder). Swissair and Air France compete in elegant dinners, floated on wine carts.

Service on the North Atlantic is very competitive. Every line is doing the best.

## A Bookman's Notebook

# Compendium of Quotable Notables Change Rules

William Hogan

Bernard Geis is a "non-publisher." Clarence Budington Kelland is "perhaps America's best-known serial spinner of what has been called happy little whodunit I-love-you stories." As of this year, Joan Fontaine has traveled in 53 countries. And Caldwell, Erskine, "a sort of one-man Department of Sanitation for white trash, is the best-selling author in America today."

This we discover in "Celebrity Register," or "An Irreverent Compendium of American Quotable Notables," edited by Cleveland Amory, with Earl Blackwell, a staff of 23 correspondents, 11 "senior writers," a dozen associates and a managing editor.

There are some 2,800 legitimate celebrities in America, according to Amory, who is the author of "The Proper Bostonians," "The Last Resorts" and semi-official social arbiter of our time. He is a man of prodigious courage.

One might guess there are a million or so Americans who consider themselves to be celebrities of the rank of Chester Gould, Herbert Gold or Yvonne de Carlo. What they will do upon finding themselves in this Manual of Heraldry for the jet set, is our candidate for today's most awesome thought.

For the rest of us, this book can only suggest how bizarre the status symbolism in our society has become, although if anybody this side of Mrs. Winston Guest, Averell Harriman, Walter O'Malley or Sue Lyon is prepared to pay \$22.50 for the privilege, he may find a great deal of authentic and even fascinating data here.

Unlike "Who's Who," this book allowed no biographee any control over what was said about him. During a visit here Amory described his project as a "Do Book" rather than a Blue Book. Celebrity

society has changed, he said, as American society itself has changed from "How do you do?" to "What do you do?"

Amory and company have made much of this idea, and because many of the capsule biographies are caustic as well as informative, "Celebrity Register" may become the most successful bedside reading of the season, Park Avenue to Coldwater Canyon.

The first edition of this curious reference work appeared about five years ago. Privately printed, it was sold only through Tiffany's in New York and Neiman-Marcus in

Texas. It has been completely reworked, and the distinguished publishing house of Harper & Row is now allowing the peasants to purchase it. Amory has a conversation piece going for him, no question about it.

Let's see: William Powell, Francis Gary Powers, Ezra Pound; Beebe, Lucius; Caen, Herb. And as Hank Aaron, the Milwaukee outfielder says: "I just grab a bat and go to the plate looking for one thing... if it's near the plate, I'm gonna swing..."

Celebrity Register. Edited by Cleveland Amory. Harper & Row; 687 pp.; \$22.50 to December 31; \$25 thereafter.

## Our Man Hoppe

# The Computer Blew a Fuse

Art Hoppe

Good morning, friends in televisionland. It's time for another episode of the Rocky Road to Happiness, the romantic story of Rocky Nelson and his search for an answer to that grave national problem: Can a young man of 55 find love And not lose the ladies' vote?

As we join Rocky today he is all alone in his New York penthouse with his bride, Hysterical O'Brien. Alone, of course, except for the usual 17 aides, 13 computers, and the daily public opinion polls. Hysterical is happily knitting a pair of blue booties.

AIDE: Well, chief, the polls show you are still thought of as one of the great romantic figures of our time. And consequently, you've dropped another three percentage points.

ROCKY (gloomily): Thanks a thou, (cq) fella. I thought my masterful speech insuring world peace forever might pick me up a little support from the lady voters. Isn't there anything we can do to win them back?

HYSTERICAL (blushing): Excuse me, dearest, but there's something I've been wanting to tell you.

ROCKY: Not now, fella. (To his aides) What if I went Barry one better and promised to abolish all taxes? Try that on the computer.

HYSTERICAL (holding up booties): Dearest, look at these.

ROCKY: You knit very well, fella. (To an aide) What's the computer say?

AIDE: Drop dead.

ROCKY (pacing the floor): Okay, let's not panic, fellas. There must be some one all-important, over-riding issue which would swing the voters back to my moderate, detailed, well-thought-out stand on world affairs. One...

HYSTERICAL (cooly): Wouldn't you like to hear the patter of little feet around the penthouse, dearest?

ROCKY (absently): Sure, fella. But don't get a French poodle. It wouldn't be good for my image. (To the aides) What we need, fellas, is an issue none of the other candidates can top. An issue which we can present triumphantly to the convention in July. An issue...

HYSTERICAL (blurring it out): Dearest, I'm going to become a mother! In June!

ROCKY: Well, I don't know, fella. It's an interesting idea. But between us, we've had nine children already. And a tenth might well cost us the support of the Planned Parenthood Assn. No, I think we ought to stick to the less controversial issues. Now, on civil rights.

AIDE: We could run this motherhood thing through the computer, chief.

ROCKY: Sure, fella Go ahead. Meanwhile, as to the Berlin question...

AIDE: Chief, chief! The computer digested the motherhood bit, blew two fuses, played Rock-a-bye Baby with Ruffles and Flourishes and declared you the next father of your country.

ROCKY (taking Hysterical in his arms): Fella, you've made me the happiest candidate in the Republican Party. Barry will never top this!

Will Barry Be Able to Meet This Challenge? In Only Six Months? Tune in to our next episode, folks. Meantime, as you go down the byways of life, friends remember: Love may alienate the lady voters. But the results will bring them back.

## Morning Report:

Congressmen are getting paid more these days, but enjoying it less. They are getting what-for from all sides.

If they pass a lot of laws asked for by the President, everybody calls them a "rubberstamp" Congress. When they sit on their hands, they are called a "do-nothing" Congress.

Senator Dirksen reported with pride our current crop of statesmen are a "stop, look and listen" Congress. This is fine as far as it goes, but it doesn't go far enough. It all depends on what they are looking at and whom they're listening to. And at some point they must stop looking, stop listening, and stop stopping. For what we are paying them we want more than a safety slogan.

Abe Mellinkoff

## Strength for These Days (From the Bible)

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.—(James 1:22)

We can read about God's truth indefinitely and not reap any of the benefits until we start to live it; we must take His teachings into our hearts so that they become the principles by which we live our daily life.

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